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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/65/10).

2. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the statement, under the terms of paragraph 30 of draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, including democracy and human rights groups, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in that regard;

(b) To give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser on Myanmar and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar to discharge their mandates fully, effectively and in a coordinated manner;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, as well as to the Human Rights Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

3. The activities through which the requests would be implemented are described in paragraphs 4 to 9 of the statement. Paragraphs 10 to 14 contain information on

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the estimated resource requirements. The Secretary-General estimates that the costs of continuing his good offices to facilitate the process of national reconciliation and democratization through his Special Adviser on Myanmar for the one-year period from 1 January to 31 December 2011 would amount to $1,216,700 net ($1,370,900 gross). A more detailed breakdown of the related costs is provided as part of the Secretary-General's report on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/65/328/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2, paras. 19 and 20). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with additional information on actual and estimated staffing costs for the Office of the Special Adviser in 2010 and 2011 (see annex).

4. The Advisory Committee notes from the Secretary-General's statement that, with regard to the request concerning technical assistance contained in the last part of paragraph 30 (a) of the draft resolution, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Committee further notes that, with regard to the request pertaining to the Special Rapporteur contained in paragraph 30 (b), the Secretary-General has informed the General Assembly that the activities called for in Human Rights Council resolution 13/25 are considered to be of a "perennial nature" and, as such, provision of an estimated $70,200 per annum to implement the activities of the Special Rapporteur has already been made under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (see A/65/333 and Corr.1).

5. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/65/L.48/Rev.1, resources amounting to $1,216,700 net ($1,370,900 gross) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011 for the continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar. Those requirements would be charged against the provision proposed for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, as submitted to the General Assembly at its current session (see A/65/328/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and the related report of the Advisory Committee, A/65/602).**

Annex

Staffing costs for the Office of the Special Adviser on Myanmar for 2010 and 2011

(United States dollars)

	Budgeted 2010			*Estimated costs 2010*				*Proposed 2011*	
	No. of posts	*Person-months (15 per cent vacancy rate)*	*Cost (standard rate)*	*Encumbered as at*	*Person-months*	*Cost*	*Variance*	*Person-months*	*Cost (standard rate)*
Under-Secretary-General	1	9	271 950				271 950	9	253 172[a]
P-4	1	10	165 665	January 2010	12	172 356	(6 691)	12	189 451
P-4 (new in 2010)	1	10	165 665	April 2010	9	137 432	28 233	12	189 451
P-3 (new in 2010)	1	10	137 700	August 2010	5	65 451	72 249	12	157 428
General Service (Other level)	1	10	68 340	January 2010	12	84 829	16 489	12	79 900
Total	**5**	**49**	**809 320**	—	**38**	**460 068**	**349 252**	**57**	**869 402**

[a] Estimate based on the assumption that, in 2011, the Secretary-General will appoint a new Special Adviser on Myanmar on a "when actually employed" basis.